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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, PFOR, PK, US

SUBJECT: VISIT TO U.S. OF PAK AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF

REF: ISLAMABAD 8289

1. DEPT. AND DOD VIEW THIS PROPOSAL IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NORMAL SERVICE-TO-SERVICE EXCHANGE PROGRAM, RATHER THAN AS A VISIT FOCUSED ON WORKING DISCUSSIONS. THERE WILL BE AMPLE OPPORTUNITIES IN WASHINGTON AND ELSEWHERE FOR PROFESSIONAL EXCHANGES OF VIEWS AND INFORMATION, INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF AIR DEFENSE CONCEPTS AND PRACTICES OF CURRENT INTEREST TO PAF. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, WANT TO SCHEDULE A CALL IN ISA WHICH WOULD PROVIDE CHANCE FOR US TO EXPLAIN PRESENT SOUTH ASIAN ARMS POLICY. (WE WILL ALSO ASK YOU TO DISCUSS THOROUGHLY THE POLICY PARAMETERS OF HIS VISIT AT THE TIME YOU DELIVER INVITATION.) THE AIR FORCE WOULD NOT, HOWEVER, BE AUTHORIZED OR PREPARED TO DISCUSS IN ANY CONFIDENTIAL

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DETAIL PAKISTAN'S DESIRES FOR AMERICAN AIRCRAFT, NOR WOULD WE WISH TO AFFORD OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMERCIAL CONTACTS. WE ARE, THEREFORE, CONCERNED THAT THE PROSPECT OF "WORKING DISCUSSIONS" ARRANGED ON AN URGENT BASIS WOULD CONVEY TO

THE PAKISTANIS THE IMPRESSION THAT WE WILL BE PREPARED TO
GO BEYOND THIS POSITION.

2. FYI. ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION MILITATING AGAINST A
VISIT WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS IS VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF
FONMIN CHAVAN NOW SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 6-7. WE DO NOT
WANT TO DO ANYTHING AT THIS TIME WHICH MIGHT ADVERSELY
AFFECT ATMOSPHERE FOR CHAVAN VISIT. END FYI.

3. STATE HAS FORMALLY RECOMMENDED TO DOD THAT INVITATION
BE ISSUED. REQUEST PRESENTLY BEING STAFFED IN DOD. KISSINGER

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